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LEO BAUMGARTNER

Former F.K. AUSTRIA centre-forward, this international player is now with PRAGUE-SYDNEY. He is the Federation's leading goal-scorer, and will appear here late next month.

KARL JAROS

Another former F.K. AUSTRIA international, Jaros is a world-class right-winger, and will play in Melbourne when PRAGUE - SYDNEY visits here next month.

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How They Stand in Sydney

Hakoah narrowly defeated Sydney Austral 1-0 in a match full of incident to win a place in the League semi-finals.

	W.	D.	L	Goals F.	A.	P.
Prague	21	3	0	106	36	45
APIA	17	4	3	66	31	38
Corrimal	16	3	5	47	39	35
Hakoah	13	5	7	53	38	31
Canterbury	13	2	9	54	40	28
Syd. Austral	9	5	11	39	48	23
Gladesville*	8	10	6	44	32	22
Auburn	8	6	10	61	60	22
Nth Side	7	8	9	43	48	22
Granville	6	8	11	56	62	20
Budapest	7	4	14	58	83	18
Bankstown	5	4	10	36	77	14
Balgownie	4	5	15	37	60	13
Concord	2	3	20	23	88	7

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SHOCK FOR ITALY IN CUP SEMI ON SUNDAY?

Let's hope that Italy's players are not superstitious, because they've already got plenty to worry about tomorrow—that keen, youthful Australian team.

If they are superstitious, and start worrying about the fact that Sunday is the THIRTEENTH, they'll be "goners" for sure!

But let's forget about supernatural omens and stick to soccer.

Expects Cup Win

DES. HAMILTON of South Mel-Melbourne United, co-sponsor of Australia, is optimistic about his team's chance against Italy this Sunday.

Young Aussies My Tip for Final

says "HAMPDEN'

The young Aussies are my tip for the World Cup Final. Why? Let's look at the record.

DRENNAN TO LEAD

These youngsters, led by their veteran but evergreen captain, Angus Drennan, thrashed Ukrainia in the first round, then held and finally beat the matured and thoroughly experienced Poland side in 2 hours and 20 minutes of football to reach this semi-final.

Although Italy has always fielded a strong team, they have not been convincing as a Cup side.

ITALY UNCONVINCING

It took the Italians 3½ hours in three matches to knock England out of the Cup series—0-0, 1-1, 1-0. And they were not very impressive in beating an obviously under-trained Germany 2-1 in last week's quarter-final.

No sir — that form may not be good enough to beat the snappy and determined young Aussies.

Tomorrow's first match at 1.30 p.m. is the quarter-final between Yugoslavia and Croatia.

NEEDLES IN THIS ONE

Like the England-Scotland encounters, there could be "needles" in this match, but plenty of good soccer, too.

My selection here is Yugoslavia, who has the benefit of experienced State League players in its side.

However, Croatia beat Greece 3-0, and then downed the polished Hungarian team twice with an aggregate of 5-2. In addition, it has a few forwards like Horvat, Slevar, and Zamunich who know where the goal is, that's for sure.

So Yugoslavia will be thoroughly tested before the end, win or lose.

THE TEAMS

Teams will probably be selected from these short lists:

ITALY	AUSTRALIA
Penzo	Mannering
Vitti	Suttie
Picinich	Matthews
Marini	Denny
Guardiani	Hateley
Gennari	Stewart
Bottari	Petherick
Frangione	Drennan
Saico	Mackie
Trentini	Bedford
Cubero	Armstrong
Plateo	Smith
Molinaro	James
Zavatier	Glover
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HAKOAH-SYDNEY MEN ARRESTED IN WILD SCENE

Police Act Against Player and Official

Police last Saturday arrested Hakoah left winger Jules Forgacs and committeeman Ben Weiss after wild scenes which occurred at the Sydney Austral-Hakoah match.

Two ex-Melbourne players were involved in an incident which started the trouble. They were Forgacs, formally of Maccabi, and Cor Mathyssen, ex-Wilhelmina full-back who is now with Sydney Austral.

Ten minutes before the end of the match, referee Buchan sent both players off the field for allegedly fighting each other.

Forgacs and Mathyssen clashed again as they were leaving the field, and Mathyssen fell to the ground. When Mathyssen arose, he told a police sergeant that he wished to charge Forgacs with assault.

When police entered the Hakoah dressing room and asked Forgacs to accompany them, he refused and was warned that force would be used if necessary. He then went with them to the police van.

OFFFICIAL ARRESTED

Hakoah official Bernie Weiss, who was said to have clashed with the police in the dressing room, was also arrested.

A large crowd of spectators hung around the dressing rooms hooting and booing. When several started punching each other, a full-scale brawl appeared imminent, but cooler heads broke it up.

When the two players clashed on leaving the field, other players raced over and joined in, but order was quickly restored.

Mathyssen, who allegedly had his false teeth broken in the melee, accompanied the police to the station to lay a charge.

Hakoah won the match, which had a vital bearing on the league's "final four," 1-0.

Great "MEIK" is Dead

Davie Meiklejohn, famous ex-Ranger and manager of Partick Thistle, collapsed and died on Saturday, August 22, in the directors' box at Airdrie's Broomfield Park.

The Thistle-Airdrie game had just finished, and Mr. Meiklejohn, who was in his middle fifties, was talking to directors of both teams.

The official doctor, who was in the players' rooms when he got the call to the directors' box, examined Mr. Meiklejohn and called for an ambulance, but the famous ex-player died on the way to the hospital in Glasgow.

ONE-CLUB MAN

Davie Meiklejohn joined Rangers, his only senior club, in 1921, transferring from Maryhill Juniors.

As a member of the famous half-back combinations, Muirhead-Meiklejohn-Craig and Meiklejohn-Simpson-Brown, he was one of Scotland's "greats."

Between 1922 and 1933, Davie Meiklejohn was capped 21 times for Scotland, and he earned a host of League winners' medals and Scottish Cup badges in his years with the Rangers.

★ ★ ★

REG MORRISON, DUNDEE'S new 'keeper, sustained no less than nine broken fingers during his seven seasons with ABERDEEN. These breaks don't keep Reg out of the game for long however—his bones knit very rapidly.

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THE WORLD OF SOCCER

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NANDOR HIDEGKUTI, former HUNGARIAN national centre-forward, has retired from active soccer, and now coaches his old club MKW, formerly known as Red Banner.

★ ★ ★

Latest English manager to throw in the towel is former well-known player VIC BUCKINGHAM, who has more latterly been with WEST BROMWICH ALBION as manager. Vic's successor is likely to be either JACK RONLEY of PORTSMOUTH, or NORMAN LOW of PORT VALE.

★ ★ ★

In recent months RUSSIA has entertained visiting teams from Hungary, Rumania, Mongolia, Korea, and Czecho-Slovakia. In the same period, Russian teams have played in Finland, China, East Germany, and Poland. Russia apparently realises that soccer, apart from everything else, possesses great diplomatic value.

★ ★ ★

Blonde bombshell and star of the HEARTS during their tour of Australia this year, ALEX YOUNG has been "detained during Her Majesty's pleasure"—well, for two years, anyway. Alex recently reported for his hitch of National Service with the R.A.S.C. at ALDERSHOT.

★ ★ ★

Crack ITALIAN club JUVENTUS will play GLASGOW RANGERS at Ibrox shortly in a challenge match. The game was arranged by GIGI PERONCE, super-scout in Britain for Juventus.

★ ★ ★

In CARDIFF CITY'S first match of the season against LIVERPOOL, international centre-half DANNY MALLOY had a most unusual and embarrassing misfortune early in the match—he put through his own goal twice! However, Cardiff won 3-2, thanks mainly to two goals scored by African STEVE MAKONA, who was recently transferred from HOLLAND.

★ ★ ★

Two BUDAPEST clubs fought out the final of the MITROPA CUP, and it was mighty close. HONVED won the Cup by beating MTK 4-3.

★ ★ ★

It was an awfully hot day when HEARTS beat KILMARNOCK 2-0 three weeks ago. Here's how well-known sports-writer "REX" tells it: "This was the day of the BIG HEAT. If the Referee had dropped his whistle, he'd have needed tongs to pick it up. There was no colour bar at Tynecastle today—22 white guys started this game, and 22 coloured men finished it! Round the sun-drenched terraces, 28,000 fans were well-done to over-done. In the Press box, we only needed a spot of gravy and you could have taken a knife and fork to us."

SPAIN is certainly making itself felt in the soccer world. F.C. BARCELONA beat ADMIRA VIENNA 12-1 in a friendly game recently! Here are a few other "friendly" results around Europe: Sparta Rotterdam d. F.K. Austria, 4-1; Borussia Dortmund drew with Gwardia Warsaw, 0-0; WAC Vienna d. F.C. Liege, 2-1; 1860 Munich d. Fortuna Geleen, 3-2; Lokomotive Leipzig drew with Sportsklub Vienna, 0-0; Olympic Charleroi drew with WAC Vienna, 3-3.

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N.S.W. CHAMP PRAGUE WILL PLAY IN MELBOURNE

To Meet Juventus and Hakoah Late Next Month

New South Wales Federation champion Prague will visit Melbourne at the end of October or early in November and will play two matches at Olympic Park.

The week-end chosen for the visit is as yet a tentative one, with the Victorian Association's Finals, and the Olympic Games qualifying match against Indonesia, having first priority for dates available.

But it is reasonably certain that Prague will play Juventus on Saturday, October 31, on Olympic Park's No. 2 Oval, and that the visitors will meet Hakoah on Sunday, November 1, on the usual No. 1 Soccer Ground.

Prague's team will include its overseas stars, several of whom were Austrian internationals — Baumgartner, Ninaus, Tamandl, Jaros, Saghi, and Scheinflug. Goalkeeper Ron Lord and full-back Kevin O'Neill have played for Australia on numerous occasions.

It seems a pity that Victorian league champion Wilhelmina was not included in the programme. Both Prague and Wilhelmina have produced a goal-scoring average of slightly more than 4 goals per league match, and fans would be assured of seeing goals scored at both ends of the pitch.

Juventus for Adelaide

At the end of the season, Juventus-Adelaide will visit here to play Juventus-Melbourne for the Aquila d'Oro Cup, after which the local team will travel to Adelaide to challenge for the Pattriti Cup.

Dates cannot be finalised yet, but if the official Victorian season has been completed, the Aquila d'Oro matches could take place on the week-end of October 25.

Will Be Seen Here Soon

WALTER TAMANDL, inside forward who was last seen here with F.K. AUSTRIA in 1957. Now with Prague-Sydney, he will play here next month.

TRAINER DIES

Mr. Lloyd Williams, who has been with Hakoah as an auxiliary trainer for some time, suffered an acute heart attack and died last week.

A former "Rules" man with the St. Kilda Football Club, Mr. Williams became associated with Hakoah through its Ice Hockey section, and eventually became so interested in soccer that he severed his active connection with St. Kilda.

He served three years with the A.I.F. in New Guinea, and his heart ailment was attributed to his war service.

He was only 36 years old. He leaves a wife and three young children, to whom Hakoah, and all who knew Lloyd, extend their deepest sympathy.

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LEAGUE FINAL FOUR MAY BE CUP FINAL FOUR

Draw Favors League Leaders in Today's Round

The results of last week's Dockerty Cup round-of-sixteen and the draw for today's quarter-finals could lead to the same four teams playing off for both the State League Cup and the Dockerty Cup.

They are Juventus, Hakoah, Wilhelmina, and George Cross. Not a single favourite was upset last week, although Juventus got a fright when Polonia was still leading 2-1 well into the second half.

Then Tomblyn's smart header from a rebound off the bar equalised the scores, and Juventus outlasted Polonia in the extra time, scoring twice more to win 4-2.

HAKOAH'S LUCK

Hakoah's 3-1 win over Slavia is not a true reflection of the play.

Hakoah had the help of a strong wind, a lucky goal, and on "own goal" to lead 3-0 at the turn. The third goal was beautifully "made" by Peterson and scored by Thomas.

In the second half, Hakoah wasn't in the game as far as attack was concerned. Yet Slavia took 44 minutes to score its single goal, made by Bell, scored by Cook.

SLAVIA'S WEAKNESS

Supporters of both teams will say that this indicates Hakoah's strength in defence, but it also indicates that Slavia, like many teams in the State League, has weaknesses in attack.

Footscray had George Cross worried early, but the Maltese side eventually got on top and stayed there.

Moreland also worked hard for its win over Geelong, but Wilhelmina and Box Hill were never seriously troubled by Croatia and the Lions. On all-round form and figures, Juventus, Hakoah. Wilhelmina, and George Cross are favoured to win today's quarter-finals, but not one of the four can afford to relax.

Hardest match of all should be the Moreland-George Cross clash. All else being relatively equal, even to the ground which is "home" for both, we will plump for George Cross because of one factor in which we think they have an advantage—experience.

The speed of rangy left-winger HANS PETERSON, seen here (on the left) in an aerial clash some time ago, is his—and Hakoah's—greatest asset.

Ups and Downs Queried Again

The season for queries and suggestions regarding promotion and relegation is on again. This wouldn't mean much, except for the fact that Mr. J. van Hoboken, President of Wilhelmina, a club not affected by ups and downs, made some telling remarks on the subject the other day.

He said that, playing on a strange ground, with four reserves in the side, and relaxing in the second half with an 8-1 lead, Wilhelmina thrashed a candidate for promotion 12-4 last week.

This club, Croatia, then beat another candidate for promotion, Melbourne, next day. And Box Hill comfortably beat a third candidate for promotion, Lions, 4-1.

Mr. van Hoboken contends that three of the current candidates for relegation—Box Hill, Geelong, and Footscray—could "eat" the candidates for promotion.

He says that, rather than smash the standards of play in the top league, the four clubs involved should play off for the right to occupy the last two places in the State League.

He also contended that Yarra Park may not have "gone to pieces" if it knew that its fate depended on a play-off at the end of the season rather than its position on the ladder.

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LAST WEEK

DOCKERTY CUP

Wilhelmina d. Croatia, 12-4.
George Cross d. Footscray, 3-1.
Melbourne d. Yarra Park, 5-0.
Hakoah d. Slavia, 3-1.
J.U.S.T. d. Dandenong, 5-3.
Juventus d. Polonia, 4-2.*
Box Hill d. Lions/Hayduk, 4-1.
Moreland d. Geelong, 4-2.
* After extra time.

WORLD CUP

Croatia d. Hungary, 3-2.
Italy d. Germany, 2-1.

State League Reserves

Hakoah d. Moreland 3-0.
Wilhelmina d. Juventus, 2-1.
Slavia d. Yarra Park, w/o.
Box Hill d. Geelong, w/o.
J.U.S.T. d. Footscray, w/o.
Polonia d. George Cross, 2-0.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Hellenic drew Maccabi. 0-0.
Coburg d. Sunshine City, 1-0.
Preston d. Sicilia, 4-3.
Corio d. Brunswick, 8-1.

Second Division

Moonee Ponds d. St. Albans, 2-0.
Collingwood d. Essendon, 10-1.
Fairfield d. I.C.I., 3-1.
University d. Heidelberg, 7-2.
Fiorentina d. Williamstown, 1-0.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Sth. Melbourne drew Brighton, 1-1.
Yallourn d. Vic. Police, 5-2.
Richmond d. Prahran, 7-1.

Second Division

Croydon d. Rosebud, 2-1.
Ferntree Gully d. Bayswater, 2-1.
Austria d. Moorabbin, 4-0.
Frankston drew Sandringham, 2-2.
F.N.D. d. Oakleigh, w/o.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

Lions/Hayduk drew Coburg, 2-2.
Frankston d. Hellenic, 4-1.
Fiorentina d. Maccabi, 4-2.
Preston d. University, 4-0.
Sunshine City d. Sandringham, 5-0.

First Division South

Melbourne d. South Yarra, 5-1.
Brighton d. Sth. Melbourne, 2-1.
Park Rangers d. Dandenong, 5-2.
Richmond d. Prahran, 12-0.
Yallourn — Bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Norlane Olympia d. Makedonia, 3-2.
Hollandia d. Olympia, 3-1.
North Richmond d. Melita, w/o.
Seymour d. Bendigo, 3-0.
Trident d. Yarraville, w/o.

This Week

DOCKERTY CUP

Quarter Finals

J.U.S.T v. Juventus.
Box Hill v. Hakoah.
Melbourne v. Wilhelmina.
Moreland v. George Cross.

WORLD CUP

Sunday

Yugoslavia v. Croatia (1.30).
Italy v. Australia (3 p.m.).

STATE LEAGUE

Yarra Park v. Slavia.

STATE LEAGUE RES.

Polonio v. J.U.S.T.
Juventus v. Hakoah.
Box Hill v. Slavia.
Wilhelmina v. George Cross.
Moreland v. Geelong.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Corio v. Hellenic.
Maccabi v. Sicilia.
Preston v. Coburg.
Sunshine City v. Croatia.
Lions/Hayduk v. Brunswick.

Second Division.

Williamstown v. St. Albans.
Moonee Ponds v. University.
Heidelberg v. I.C.I.
Fairfield v. Collingwood.
Essendon v. Fiorentina.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

South Yarra v. Yallourn.
Vic. Police v. Dandenong.
Park Rangers v. South Melb.
Brighton v. Prahran.

Second Division.

F.N.D. v. Croydon.
Rosebud v. Frankston.
Sandringham v. Moorabbin.
Austria v. Ferntree Gully.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

Sandringham v. Lyons/Hayduk.
Coburg v. Preston.
University v. Maccabi.
Fiorentina v. Frankston.
Hellenic v. Sunshine City.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

Melbourne v. Richmond.
Yallourn v. South Yarra.
Dandenong—Bye.
Sth. Melbourne v. Park Rangers.
Prahran v. Brighton.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Makedonia v. Seymour.
Bendigo v. North Richmond.
Melita v. Hollandia.
Olympia v. Trident.

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Footscray v. J.U.S.T.
Moreland v. Hakoah.
Polonia v. George Cross.
Juventus v. Wilhelmina.
Box Hill v. Geelong.

State League Reserves.

J.U.S.T. v. Wilhelmina.
Hakoah v. George Cross.
Moreland v. Juventus.
Footscray v. Box Hill.
Geelong v. Slavia.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Lions/Hayduk v. Croatia.
Sunshine City v. Coburg.
Brunswick v. Preston.

Second Division.

Fiorentina v. Moonee Ponds.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

South Yarra v. Melbourne.
Vic. Police v. Yallourn.
Brighton v. South Melbourne.
Park Rangers v. Dandenong.

Second Division.

Austria v. Moorabbin City.
Ferntree Gully v. F.N.D.

First North Reserves and First South Reserves Disisions completed.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

North Richmond v. Bendigo.
Seymour v. Olympia.

NEXT SUNDAY

LAIDLAW
WORLD CUP
SEMI - FINAL

SCOTLAND
v.
CROATIA or YUGOSLAVIA

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	P.
Wilhelmina	21	17	2	2	85	35	36
George Cross	21	13	5	3	56	26	31
Juventus	21	13	4	4	44	21	30
Hakoah	21	14	2	5	49	27	30
Slavia	21	11	6	5	49	28	27
Polonia	21	8	7	6	37	30	23
Moreland	21	8	2	11	54	38	18
J.U.S.T.	21	6	5	10	49	43	17
Box Hill	21	5	3	13	21	53	13
Footscray	21	3	6	12	30	64	12
Geelong	21	3	5	13	28	52	11
Yarra Park	21	1	2	18	27	112	4

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Wilhelmina	20	15	2	3	63	22	32
Hakoah	18	14	2	2	53	21	30
Polonia	20	11	4	5	30	22	26
Juventus	18	10	2	6	46	26	22
J.U.S.T.	18	10	1	7	60	29	21
Geelong	19	10	1	8	37	25	21
Moreland	19	7	5	7	33	28	19
Box Hill	18	8	1	9	37	38	17
George Cross	19	6	3	10	25	43	15
Footscray	20	7	1	12	23	45	15
Slavia	19	4	3	12	29	57	11
Yarra Park	22	0	1	21	3	83	1

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Preston	16	12	2	2	53	18	26
Lions-Hayduk	15	12	1	2	49	13	25
Croatia	15	11	2	2	71	21	24
Sunshine City	16	8	1	7	34	28	17
Maccabi	17	7	2	8	34	44	16
Sicilia	17	6	3	8	41	31	15
Coburg	16	5	4	7	29	35	14
Corio	17	6	1	10	28	39	13
Hellenic	17	5	2	10	29	36	12
Brunswick	16	0	0	16	9	112	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Fiorentina	16	11	3	2	43	14	25
Moonee Ponds	15	12	0	3	40	17	24
University	17	10	4	3	49	28	24
Essendon	17	9	0	8	30	37	18
St. Albans	17	7	1	9	33	37	15
Fairfield	16	5	4	7	33	29	14
Collingwood	17	5	2	11	38	39	12
Williamstown	17	5	2	10	23	37	12
I.C.I.	17	5	2	10	33	49	12
Heidelberg	17	4	2	11	23	58	10

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Norlane-Olymp.	17	12	3	2	55	26	27
North Richmond	16	11	4	1	61	24	26
Seymour	16	11	3	2	44	17	25
Makedonia	17	9	2	6	32	26	20
Trident	16	8	4	4	36	30	20
Olympia	16	8	1	7	36	29	17
Melita	17	5	2	10	26	48	12
Bendigo	15	3	3	9	26	40	9
Hollandia	17	3	1	13	35	55	7
Yarraville	17	0	1	16	3	59	1

TABLES COMPILED

by

STUART BEATON

Secretary-Manager

V.A.S.F.A.

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	15	14	1	0	90	19	29
Richmond	16	12	1	3	67	17	25
Yallourn	16	11	1	4	62	35	23
South Melbourne	15	9	2	4	39	21	20
Brighton	15	8	2	5	36	27	18
Dandenong	14	5	1	8	42	45	11
South Yarra	15	4	1	10	26	49	9
Prahran	17	3	2	12	22	69	8
Park Rangers	15	3	0	12	25	73	6
Vic. Police	16	1	3	12	21	75	5

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Sandringham	17	13	3	1	50	28	29
Frankston	17	10	3	4	55	32	23
Austria	16	10	2	4	58	36	22
Oakleigh	17	6	4	7	24	15	16
Bayswater	17	6	3	8	36	45	15
Rosebud	17	7	0	10	37	43	14
F.N.D.	16	6	2	8	31	51	14
Moorabbin	16	5	3	8	32	48	13
Ferntree Gully	16	6	0	10	40	34	12
Croydon	17	4	0	13	30	61	8

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Lions-Hayduk	17	12	2	3	52	20	26
Sunshine City	17	12	2	3	47	20	26
Fiorentina	17	11	2	4	50	27	24
Frankston	17	10	3	4	52	31	23
Preston	17	8	3	6	51	31	19
Coburg	17	8	3	6	35	36	19
Maccabi	17	7	2	8	55	40	16
Hellenic	17	5	0	12	29	56	10
Sandringham	17	3	0	14	19	56	6
University	17	0	1	16	7	90	1

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	17	15	1	1	82	21	31
Richmond	17	14	2	1	69	20	30
Dandenong	17	9	3	5	44	33	21
Park Rangers	17	10	1	6	36	35	21
Brighton	17	8	2	7	37	33	18
Yallourn	17	6	5	6	39	49	17
South Melbourne	17	7	1	9	35	44	15
South Yarra	17	5	1	11	29	52	11
Prahran	17	3	0	14	17	101	6

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FIRST DIVISION NORTH

HELLENIC'S FATE TO BE KNOWN TODAY

Must Win to Escape Relegation

A member of the State League only last year, Hellenic will be fighting to stay in the First Division when it meets Corio today.

It is a fateful match for Corio, too. It is the last match of the season for both Corio and Hellenic. and one or the other must be relegated with Brunswick.

Hence the result of this game, for either side, will have the same finality as the dropping of an egg on a slab of concrete.

A draw will save Corio, but Hellenic needs nothing less than an outright win to avoid the drop to the Second Division.

Coburg fought its way out of danger by narrowly beating Sunshine City 1-0. That single goal, the possible difference between safety and relegation, was probably the most valuable one scored by Coburg this season.

While Lions and Croatia were preoccupied with Dockerty Cup commitments, Preston took the lead with a 4-3 win after a hard tussle with Sicilia.

Preston should stay on top in its last two matches and give Lions and Croatia, who each have three rounds left to play, a target to shoot at.

To win promotion, either Lions or Croatia must win all of its last three fixtures. Since they must yet play each other twice, they could easily nullify each other's efforts and leave Preston the league champion.

Here is an analysis of the finish:

Team	To Play	P.	G/A
PRESTON	Coburg, B'wick	26	2.9
LIONS	B'wick, Croatia (2)	25	3.8
CROATIA	Sun. City, Lions(2)	24	3.4

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

Punching Puts Player Out

Bayswater player E. Clauss was slated to miss the last two matches of the season when the Disciplinary Committee suspended him for allegedly punching Richards of Moorabbin City in their recent match.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

HOT MATCH BILLED FOR MIDDLE PARK

Rangers in Spirited Bid for Points

With only three matches left in which to save themselves from relegation, Park Rangers will make a desperate bid for points when they meet South Melbourne United at Middle Park today.

The Rangers have good grounds for hoping that Prahran will fail to improve its position when it meets Brighton in Prahran's last match of the season.

They can also hope that South Yarra will remain on 9 points after it has met Yallourn today and Melbourne twice in the next fortnight.

But the Rangers must pick up at least 3 points from its last three fixtures against United, and Dandenong twice.

With Dandenong in the safety zone, it will be a stubborn customer, and the Rangers have a difficult task ahead of them.

Melbourne was the victim of an unlucky draw in the Dockerty Cup quarter-finals, and must face State League champion Wilhelmina today.

Melbourne will not be disgraced, but they simply cannot be expected to match the Dutch powerhouse in sustained speed, stamina, or ruggedness.

Frankie Bors will know where to find the cracks in Wilhelmina's defence, and Melbourne may score once or twice.

But we cannot see how the Hungarian side is going to stop the Dutchmen from hitting the back of the net at least three times in the first half, and at least four times in the second half—after Melbourne's defence has been run off its feet.

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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

St. Albans Goalie Injured

St. Albans lost any chance they had of beating Moonee Ponds last week when, in the first minutes of the match, goalie Gres broke his wrist when he clashed with a goal-post, and left-winger Ulmer had to take over.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

PROTEST COSTS TOP TEAM VITAL POINT

Decision Reduces Win to a Draw

Fiorentina's 2-1 win over Collingwood a fortnight ago was reduced to a draw when Collingwood's protest regarding the deciding goal was upheld.

The protest claimed that Fiorentina's left-winger Sorpresso was fouled while heading for goal with the ball. The referee saw and signalled the foul, but unaccountably allowed Sopresso to play on, and, after he had netted the ball, recorded a goal for Fiorentina.

The Investigation and Disciplinary Committee upheld the protest on the grounds that the referee and broken the relevant laws of soccer, and struck out the goal.

The Committee stated that the referee had erred twice. Firstly, he had changed his mind after a signal, and secondly, he had allowed a goal to be scored from what was legally a dead ball.

BOON FOR CHALLENGER

This decision allowed Moonee Ponds to draw even closer to Fiorentina after its win over St. Albans.

The Swampies have a game in hand, and it is almost certain that possession of the pennant will be decided when Fiorentina meets Moonee Ponds next week.

Even if University should stop the swampies today in the Students' last match of the season, the same analysis is applicable.

The four teams at the foot of the ladder will play their last matches of the season today, too, and in each case, relegation depends of the results.

Two of the four, Heidelberg and I.C.I., meet each other, Collingwood faces Fairfield, and Williamstown tackles St. Albans.

Each of these games is a knock-out match for the four threatened clubs, and will no doubt be played as such.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

AUSTRIA MAINTAINS BID FOR PROMOTION

Frankston Concedes Crucial Point

By DON SUTHERLAND

Austria moved closer to its objective of a First Division berth in 1960 by recording a valuable 4-0 win over Moorabbin City.

Having won this game so convincingly, they must be favoured to collect a further two points against this team in their final fixture next week, and if Austria can beat Ferntree Gully today—and current form says that it can—then the Austrians must be considered "home and hosed" for the runner-up spot on the ladder.

Last week's encounter between Frankston and Sandringham was a thriller. In a game which could easily have gone either way, a draw was certainly the most satisfactory result, but this one point is likely to have cost Frankston its chance of promotion.

On the other hand, if Austria should lose or draw one of its remaining games, then the point earned by Frankston last week could prove to be the most valuable one gained this season.

Since goal averages could yet be the deciding factor, it is sure that the Baysiders will give Rosebud's defence a torrid time when they journey down the Peninsula today.

Little hangs on the result of today's local derby between Sandringham and Moorabbin, but the Hammers have not forgotten that Moorabbin was the first team to take a point from them this season, and they will be keen to demonstrate their outright superiority.

Although at the bottom of the league, Croydon proved that it is far from downhearted by its narrow win over Rosebud last week, and if it can beat F.N.D. today, will finish with the respectable total of 10 points.

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FACTS and FLY-KICKS

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"There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," sings the song. But if that's doctored up a bit to sound like "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Brighton Town Hall Tonight," it would suit the occasion much better. We are referring to Sandringham's big "do" tonight, September 12. Eleven clubs have made bulk reservations (at only 15/- a couple) so a through-pass, with the assist of a receptive team-mate, should get you to that Brighton goal for a good score.

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Memo. to Mr. Charles Donaldson: Anything that you think will be of interest to local fans will be very welcome indeed. Thank you for past favour.

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We hear that inside-forward Hubert Maier, of Hakoah, will be taking a trip home to Graz, Austria, at the end of the season. Fancy going to Graz for the winter! Br-r-r-r.

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We've had trouble all this week in our football conversations. Everyone keeps saying that Essendon beat Collingwood. We keep saying—and getting into trouble for saying it—that Collingwood beat Essendon last week. We even know the score. It was 10-1. Then we found out that most of these nongs weren't talking about football at all — they were talking about the Australian Rules semi-final!

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We sense treachery to our code. We have it on good authority that V.A.S.F.A. Secretary-Manager Stuart Beaton had a two-bob bet on the Rules semi-final. Won on Essendon, too. Next round of drinks is on Stuart.

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South Yarra and University are getting together on an end-of-season dance. They've booked the Beaurepaire Hall at the University for next Saturday night, September 19, from 8 p.m. We think that the combination of a soccer atmosphere and an academic atmosphere could not be anything less than delightful.

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They want to have that new pavilion ready for next season, so Coburg sent out a call for a working-bee to do something about the foundations. Imagine the despair of the officials when it rained. Then imagine their delight when—in spite of the rain—a big crowd of willing workers turned up. Mighty spirit up there at Coburg.

Watching Slavia's efforts to score against Hakoah last Saturday, we couldn't help but think of the words of famed Scottish sports-writer, Rex: "They couldn't have hit an elephant on the backside from two yards' range with a carpet-beater."

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The late lamented Victorian Colts team is well represented in that Australian World Cup team that disposed of Ukrainia and Poland to meet Italy in a semi-final tomorrow. Ted Smith, Barry Matthews, Angus Drennan, Ian Petherick, Joe Stewart, Lindsay Glover, and Johnny McIvor.

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Brighton has been in the process of rebuilding this year, and experimenting with Juniors in both of its senior sides. Naturally, the Seasiders don't like to mention the names of promising youngsters until they've made the grade for fear that heads will swell. But they're making an exception in the case of Jimmp Perkins—he's a very likely prospect, and represented England in the World Cup series recently.

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Collingwood has returned Essendon's compliment of a couple of weeks ago by writing to us: "Although we defeated Essendon by a big margin, 10-1, the Essendon boys never gave up, and kept that ball rolling right up to the final whistle."

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Harry Pritchard, manager of the Victorian Under 14's, after thanking all who assisted in their training programme, expresses special gratitude to South Melbourne United, who made their ground and facilities available to the young 'uns.

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Croatia's defeat of Brunswick by the score of 29-1 two weeks ago had a lot of people checking the records to see if that was the highest score ever. Someone came up with a 36-0 score, and another friend has identified that as being the result of a Scottish match played in 1890 or thereabouts. It reads in full: ARBROATH d. BON ACCORD, 36-0.

ON THE BALL

Migrants who want information which is right "on the ball" — correct and up-to-date — should call at the Migrant Information Service, Commonwealth Bank, 363-371 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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PLAYERS WILL BE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Two Yarra Park players who allegedly punched referee George Pedler during last Saturday's Melbourne-Yarra Park Dockerty Cup match will be charged with assault in a civil court.

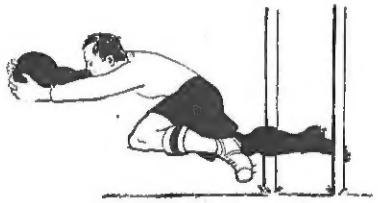
This will not prevent the Soccer Association from dealing with the players in the normal way.

The alleged assaults were separate incidents which occurred late in the match. In both instances, the players had been ordered off, and each had reportedly reacted in the same way—by striking the referee.

TWO OUT FOR STRIKING

Players H. Richmond of Moreland and V. Vacirca of Slavia were each suspended for two matches by the Disciplinary Committee last week.

They had been charged with "having a go" at each other in a Reserves match.



HEARING ON BAN OF MIGRANT PLAYERS

National Body Meets for Talks Today

The Council of the Australian Soccer Football Association will discuss all aspects of the migrant player question, including the current suspension of players by F.I.F.A., during the meeting which starts in Melbourne today.

Other items on the agenda include the finalisation of the Olympic Games qualifying rounds with Indonesia, and the hearing of suggestions for next year's visit of an overseas team to Australia.

An all-out attempt will be made by the Council to provide a means of clearing the suspension of the Austrian players at present in Sydney, and of settling a future policy for the importation of migrant players.

The Council will hear a complete report from Mr. E. Princi on his trip to Geneva and Vienna, and analyse the details in the hope of finding a solution to the problem.

Council officials and delegates at the meeting will include Mr. Sid Storey, Chairman, A.S.F.A.; Mr. Roy Druery, Secretary - Treasurer, A.S.F.A.; Mr. Bill Thomas, Chairman, V.A.S.F.A.; Dr. Charles Walker, Vice-President, V.A.S.F.A.; Mr. Andy Burton, Chairman. N.S.W. Federation; Mr. Eddie Princi, Secretary, N.S.W. Federation; Mr. Sam Delves, N.S.W. Delegate; Mr. Harold Barwick, President, Q.A.S.F.A.; Mr. Bob Telfer, President, South Australia A.S.F.A.; Mr. Des Abraham, Secretary, West Australia A.S.F.A.; and Mr. Vic. Tuting, Tasmania A.S.F.A.

SOCCER NEWS TO CLUBS

The season ends for many clubs after this week's round of matches.

Club secretaries are requested to advise V.A.S.F.A. Secretary-Manager, Mr. Stuart Beaton, what deliveries of "Soccer News" they will require, if any, next week, September 19, and thereafter.

These instructions are urgently required to guide the printers of "Soccer News."

FIRST PLAYER "COLLECTS" SUSPENDED SENTENCE

The player with the doubtful distinction of being the first to reappear before the Disciplinary Committee and "cash in" on a suspended sentence is Polonia player A. Czerkawski.

Czerkawski was sent off the field during the World Cup match Australia v. Poland after he had allegedly directed abusive language at referee Rossiter, who was acting as a linesman on that day.

During April, Czerkawski had been charged with misbehaviour at Geelong, for which, because of extenuating circumstances, he received a suspended sentence of 4 matches.

On the new charge of abusive language toward a referee, he was suspended for two matches, to which was automatically added the 4 matches of his "bond," making a total suspension of 6 matches.

Hakoah Will Play Tassie Premiers

Tasmanian premiers, Royal Caledonians, will travel to Melbourne to play Hakoah for the Falkinder Cup.

Hakoah has been holder of the Cup for several years, and was last challenged by a Tasmanian team unsuccessfully in 1956.

The challenge matches will take place in November on a date and ground to be decided.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

The Junior Committee extends a cordial welcome to our visitors from New South Wales, the Under 18 State Representative XI.

They play the first match of their tour against Victoria today as a curtain-raiser at Olympic Park. On Sunday, Victoria will again play N.S.W. at South Melbourne ground, Middle Park. Last season Victoria won 2 and lost 1 in Sydney.

New South Wales (colours — Sky Blue): K. Nicholls (Illawarra) G; B. Grant (St. George) R.B.; G. Robinson (Gladesville) L.B.; P. Windsor (Newcastle R.H.; D. Wellington (Illawarra) C.H.; B. Hamilton (Canterbury Capt., L.H.; W. Collins (Canterbury) O.R.; I. Ogden (Gladesville) I.R.; J. Thorn (Canterbury) C.F.; B. Smith (Canterbury) I.L.; and P. Thompson (Newcastle) O.L. Reserves: S. Ruston (Granville) G.; D. Punnett (Canterbury); J. Langtry (Gladesville). Backs, and H. Sterling (Granville) Forward Manager: Mr. Lew. Williams; Assist. Manager: Alf. Ingersole.

Next Week's Fixtures

UNDER 16 FINAL FOUR COMPETITION SEMI-FINALS

South Melbourne or Ajax v. Sunshine City or Essendon, at St. Kilda Ground, Middle Park.

Box Hill or Dandenong City v. Moorabbin City or Bayswater, at South Melbourne ground, Middle Park.

Victoria (colours — Red) selected from C. Evans (Geelong Scottish) G; C. Lightfoot (St. Kilda), G. Perkins (Brighton), J. Hucker (Geelong), A. Voce (Box Hill), P. Keyes (Box Hill), J. Bedford (Box Hill), G. Culbard (Sunshine City), D. Jordon (South Melbourne). R. Wright (Sunshine City), J. Stevenson (St. Kilda). Reserves: B. Dobson (Sunshine City), G. Pritchard (Brighton), R. Evans (Brighton), Douglas Smith (St. Kilda), and Derek Smith (Brighton). Manager: Mr. G. Culbard, senior; Liaison Officer: Mr. J. Drummond; Coach: Len. Young, V.A.S.F.A.

K. Nicholls and D. Wellington both represented N.S.W. as schoolboys. Bill Collins is an Under 16 player of great potential. Ian Ogden, an Epping United player in the Gladesville-Hornsby Assn., toured Queensland last year. J. Thorn is a Canterbury District player with good goalscoring potential. Windsor and Thompson (Newcastle Assn.) both play for the winning Newcastle Assn. Under 18 team, the famous Adamstown Rosbuds.

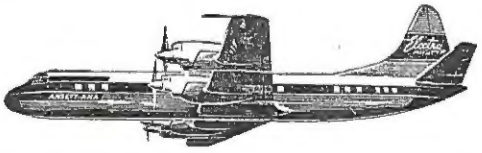
Victoria is fielding one of the strongest and most versatile teams they have fielded in Junior soccer for several years, and Mr. Len. Young, V.A.S.F.A. coach, considers Victoria will be a tough obstacle for the visitors to overcome.

Under 18 Junior Cup Final: St. Kilda 5, defeated Box Hill 4, at Olympic Park.

Box Hill won the toss and played with the strong, gusty wind at their backs in the first half. The game developed into a typical Cup tie match, with only rare flashes of the skilful junior soccer witnessed in previous Cup Finals in the lower age groups played at Olympic Park.

A brilliant fast-passing movement by the St. Kilda team resulted in Horvath netting for the Saints, Box Hill equalising through T. Bakker. Following mid-field play, the Saints took temporary command of the game and Klopper, the Saints' right-winger, netted again to put the Saints two up, but a few minutes later Box Hill again equalised.

In the second half, following several narrow escapes at both ends, Box Hill scored twice to level the scores at 4-all. Five minutes before the final whistle, Hoare, the Box Hill centre-half, in trying to put the ball over the bar for a corner, scored the best goal of the match to win the game for St. Kilda.



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JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	18	18	0	0	36
Essendon	18	13	0	5	26
South Melbourne	18	12	1	5	25
Brooklyn Hostel	18	12	0	6	24
Sunshine City	18	10	2	6	22
Broadmeadows Hostel	18	9	3	6	21
Williamstown Hostel	18	5	2	11	12
Preston Hostel	18	4	2	12	10

UNDER 14 (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
FINAL TABLES					
Sunshine City	14	13	0	1	26
Trident	14	11	1	2	22
Lions-Hayduk	14	8	1	5	17
Brooklyn Hostel	15	5	1	9	11
Maribyrnong Hostel	15	4	1	10	9

UNDER 14 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
FINAL TABLES					
St. Kilda	14	13	0	1	26
Brighton	14	10	0	4	20
Essendon	14	9	0	5	18
South Melbourne	14	7	0	7	14

UNDER 16 (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	14	13	0	1	26
Essendon	14	12	1	1	25
South Melbourne	14	7	3	4	17
Ajax	14	6	3	5	15
Wesley College	14	5	3	6	13
South Yarra	14	5	2	7	12

UNDER 16 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Dandenong City	14	13	0	1	26
Moorabbin City	14	12	1	1	25
Box Hill	14	9	0	5	18
Bayswater	14	7	2	5	16
Heidelberg	14	4	2	8	10
Croydon	14	4	1	9	9
Preston T.S.O.B.	14	4	0	10	8

UNDER 18.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	14	13	0	1	26
Box Hill	14	11	2	1	24
St. Kilda	14	11	2	1	24
St. Kilda	14	7	4	3	18
Coburg United	15	6	3	6	15
Preston T.S.O.B.	14	5	2	7	12
Fairfield	13	3	2	8	8
Army Apprentices	13	2	2	9	6
Tullamarine United	6	0	0	6	0

ST. GEORGE UNDER 14 TOUR RESULTS

August 29th:
Victoria d. St. George, 3-2.

August 31st:
Victoria d. St. George, 5-0.

September 2nd:
Latrobe Valley d. St. George, 2-1.

SOCIAL EVENTS

With the close of the season approaching, many clubs are planning balls and socials. If clubs support other clubs' affairs, they can expect the return patronage that makes every date a happy success.

Saturday, Sept. 12. — SANDRINGHAM, annual Cabaret Ball, Brighton Town Hall. Reservations: Geoff Dobb, XU 4307.

Friday, Sept. 18. — CROYDON, Supper Dance, Dorset Hall, Maroondah Highway, Croydon, 8 p.m. Only 5/-.

Saturday, September 19—SOUTH YARRA and UNIVERSITY, Joint Dance, Beaurepaire Hall, Melbourne University, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27. — Flinders Naval Depot, all-day picnic event, six-a-side soccer tournament, in aid of Alfred Hospital Appeal.

Friday, October 2.—COBURG, Annual Cabaret Ball, at The Caribbean, St. Georges Road, Thornbury. Phone: FL 6246.

Scottish Drops Vital Points

Scottish. leader of the Geelong District A.S.F.A., dropped vital points when beaten 2-1 by Zagreb. Here are the standings:

	W.	D.	L	F.	A.	P.
Scottish . . .	13	1	2	75	13	27
British . . .	13	0	3	60	25	26
Makedonia .	12	1	3	69	15	25
Zagreb . . .	--	0	5	68	14	22
DSG I	8	0	8	35	39	16
Olympia . . .	7	0	9	32	63	14
Croatia . . .	4	2	10	27	33	10
Corio I . . .	5	0	11	29	63	10
DSG II . . .	3	0	13	10	82	6
Corio II . . .	2	0	14	8	56	4

F.N.D. CARNIVAL

Twenty-five clubs from all leagues have entered 62 six-man teams in F.N.D.'s all-day soccer carnival which starts at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 27, in aid of the Alfred Hospital.

Two more entries are needed. The winner will receive a handsome shield which will be an annual challenge trophy, and the finalists' twelve players will get personal mementoes.

Fan Advocates District Names for Clubs

Mr. Walter Breunberger of Coogee, N.S.W., writes to deplore the use of overseas names for soccer clubs in Australia.

He says that if the current fashion of using these names prevails, "Old" Australians, who have not yet been successfully wooed in any State here, will continue to ignore the game.

"Sydney soccer authorities have awakened to the fact," he writes. "Next season, Budapest will change its name to South Sydney, Prague to Sydney Athletic, Hakoah to Eastern Suburbs, and so on. By going into the suburbs, these clubs will be gaining hundreds of new supporters, mostly local residents.

"I feel that Melbourne soccer could follow the lead. Although their crowds are now larger, in the long run Sydney crowds are bound to increase with the Federation's new policy on names."

There are many fans—and leading officials—who will back Mr. Breunberger's opinion on this subject, but to be brutally frank about it, district names have failed dismally to attract local fans in Victoria.

The clubs with the smallest number of supporters are precisely those with district names.

It would appear that, at this stage, it is still more practical to draw fans with the use of a name which has a sentimental appeal, and only when soccer has become a financially powerful and glamourous enterprise, with correspondingly high standards of play, and capable of commanding its full quota of publicity in the Metropolitan daily Press, should the switch be made in the use of names.

Even then, the change should be made in two steps to preserve whatever sentimental value lies in old-world names.

We are certain that Footscray Celtics, Moreland Hotspur, and Heart of Box Hill—for example—would attract many more supporters for the code than just plain Footscray, Moreland, and Box Hill have accimplished.

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